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This is to register my approval of the microsoft-DOJ settlement. Only nine states refuse endorsement; the other nine states, the DOJ, and Microsoft all agree that the settlement makes retribution for Microsoft's anti-trust wrongs and provides safeguards against future violations. Not only is the remedy of the nine refusing states unfairly draconian, it could well be a harm to the technology economy. Originally, anti-trust laws were to protect the consumer, not advantage competitors.

I fear that one thing motivating the recalcitrant states is serving the special interest of competitors located in their respective states.

Microsoft should not be allowed to squelch competition, but competitors should win because their product satisfies consumers and not through legal machinations.

Sincerely yours,
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